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SESAME STREET PERFORMER RESIGNS OVER NEW UNDERAGE SEX ALLEGATIONS

Reuters

NEW YORK Kevin Clash, the puppeteer behind the "Sesame Street" character Elmo, resigned Tuesday following new allegations that he had sex with an underage boy, adding to an ongoing controversy involving one of America's most popular children's brands.

The announcement came just a week after another man recanted his claims that Clash, 52, had sex with him when he was 16 years old.

"Unfortunately, the controversy surrounding Kevin's personal life has become a distraction

that none of us wants, and he has concluded that he can no longer be effective in his job and has resigned from Sesame Street," New York-based Sesame Workshop, the company behind the show, said in a statement. "This is a sad day for Sesame Street."

In a lawsuit filed Tuesday, Cecil Singleton is seeking more than \$5 million in damages from Clash. Singleton claims he met the then-32-year-old puppeteer in 1993 in a gay chat room. Singleton was 15 at the time.

It added that on numerous occasions over a

period of years, Clash engaged in sexual activity with Singleton.

A representative for Clash was not immediately available for comment Tuesday.

The unnamed 23-year-old man who first accused Clash recanted his claims last week, saying the relationship was consensual. Clash had denied the allegations but acknowledged a past relationship with his accuser. He added the pair both were consenting adults at the time.

"I am a gay man. I have never been ashamed of this or tried to hide it," Clash said at the

time, adding that he was taking a break from the TV show to deal with the situation.

Sesame Workshop said the allegations involving Clash came to its attention in June when the first accuser contacted the company by email.

The Elmo character debuted on "Sesame Street" in 1979. While Clash was the third performer to animate the child-like shaggy red monster, Sesame Workshop credits him with turning Elmo into the international sensation he became.

Please pass the T-day salad



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The monster movie marathons are over, the jack-o-lanterns have been smashed and the scandalous Halloween costumes have completed their walk of shame to the garbage bin.

Yet from all the flickering lights, candy canes and the big-box stores stuffed with plastic trees and robotic Santas, you'd hardly know Thanks-

giving is next up to the holiday plate.

Nobody gives the fourth Thursday in November any love these days—save for that one Chuck Breezy TV special (good grief!) and the Turkey Day parades that really are just an homage to the glorious partnership between ol' St. Nick and consumerism.

Maybe it's because most of us don't live like pilgrims, trying to gather enough squash and venison and firewood to last us through the winter. Heck, we don't even live like our grandparents, who cooked entire meals without the help of a microwave.

Our generation can eat whatever we want, whenever we want. Feel like kung pao chicken? Call the Chinese place at the corner. In the mood for Greek? A joint down the street makes a pretty mean combination plate. Want a burrito instead? There are more TBKs than there are hospitals in this city.

Millennials are used to getting more, quicker. We have drive-thru lines and we eat fast-food meals. Everything's instantaneous—and there's a lot of it.

Back in the day, Thanksgiving dinner was the biggest meal of the year. My grandma used to throw down on turkey, potato salad, arroz con gandules (Puerto Rican rice, for the layperson) and cabbage salad. Now we eat like that every other Saturday—and it's not because my family hit the jackpot. Far from it. Food's just cheap and easy. You can get a bucket of chicken, mashed potatoes, slaw and a biscuit for what, like, 15 bucks?

The Thanksgiving Day table is such a charade. We're supposed to sit there and gaze in amazement at the turkey and all the fixings, pretending we've never seen so much food



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in our lives. It's such a shame that the entire meal requires close to two days of prep.

So why don't we just order in and save ourselves the time and the effort? Because we can't order in on Turkey Day—at least, we're not supposed to, according to the Thanksgiving police. We have to spend hours preparing the turkey and mashed potatoes and gravy and yams and sweet potato and pumpkin pies, because that's what the pilgrims did. And we have to do what the pilgrims did, or else it doesn't count.

Here's the problem: When the pilgrims sat down to the meal and thanked God for filling their table, they were nearly starved to death. Most of today's Americans will sit down to a turkey dinner pleasantly plump—and they'll get up from the table positively planetary.

When does the special occasion part come into play? Americans who eat big meals choosing to celebrate family and friendship by sitting down to eat a big meal is like drunks who spend every night at the bar going back to the bar to celebrate their birthdays.

Instead of chomping through a turkey drumstick bigger than a fist, maybe we should try a humble turkey salad?

Nothing says "I'm grateful for the food in front of me" better than treating it differently than all the other food you eat, by not stuffing your gullet and spending the rest of the night groaning in shame.

Take it easy this year. Your stomach will thank you.

HECTOR LUIS ALAMO JR. IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

SO BEHIND THE TIMES



If you've ever seen the @NYTOnIt Twitter feed, you know that the creator of the account likes to poke fun at newspapers—well, just The New York Times and its "trend" pieces, which the account links to in its tweets. Obviously we love and support papers (because duh, we are one), but whoever created the account is entitled (FIRST AMENDMENT ALERT!) to take stabs at the industry and its king. In fact, all the account really does is preface a link to a New York Times article with a snarky tweet alluding to the idea that papers sometimes make some laughably obvious statements. Pretty harmless stuff, right?

But some people didn't see it that way. The @NYTOnIt account was suspended Monday night. According to a Facebook post from the account's creator, the (real) Times claimed that the avatar of the parody account violates a trademark. The creator stood by his account, fought the claims and ultimately removed the avatar and had the account back up and running Tuesday morning. In honor of all this, here are some of our favorite tweets from The Times Is On It. ZARA HUSAINI IS A REDEYE INTERN.

"GUYS, college kids drink and use social media, sometimes at the same time. The Times is ON IT."

"GUYS, it gets cooler at night during the fall, and The Times is ON IT."

"GUYS, politicians and political types love strip clubs, and The Times is ON IT."

"GUYS, having a drink during the day is kind of charming and also 'subversive' and The Times is ON IT."

"GUYS, it's possible to survive for a little while without Wikipedia and The Times is ON IT."

"GUYS, have you heard about this newfangled spring fashion item called the skirt? Well, The Times is ON IT."



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CTA pass customers, who account for about half of all riders on buses and trains, will be socked with fare hikes averaging 55 percent starting in mid-January under a proposed 2013 budget that was announced Wednesday.

With one exception, the base full fare—\$2.25 on trains and \$2 or \$2.25 on buses depending on whether a fare card or cash is used to pay—will be frozen in 2013 for the fourth year in a row, officials said.

The exception is the Blue Line from O'Hare. Single-ride fares from the airport will more than double, to \$5 from \$2.25, under the \$1.39 billion budget that CTA Presi-

dent Forrest Claypool proposed. Someone riding to the airport on the "L" to meet someone at the airport, for example, then riding back within two hours, would only pay a 25-cent transfer fee, a CTA spokesman said.

The hikes are expected to generate about \$56 million a year, helping—along with other measures—to erase a projected \$165 million budget shortfall for 2013, Claypool said.

He predicted the fare increases and expense reductions that the CTA negotiated with its unions in a new four-year contract will help put the CTA on a stronger financial footing and eliminate the need to boost fares again any time soon.

"This will put us on a solid fiscal path for many, many years," Claypool told reporters at CTA headquarters downtown.

But half of CTA riders will pay more for

their commutes next year. In addition, 12 bus routes will be eliminated and two other routes will be shortened starting in mid-December under a controversial "de-crowding initiative" that adds service on other bus routes as well as rail lines in an effort to boost service where demand is greatest and to provide a more comfortable ride.

Then, effective Jan. 14, prices will shoot up for daily, three-day, seven-day and 30-day passes, by as much as 74 percent for the 1-day pass.

CTA officials carefully avoided using the term "fare hikes" when speaking about the four different types of passes affected, preferring instead to describe them as "modest reductions in discounts" aimed mostly at tourists and bringing the price of the passes in line with what transit agencies in other major U.S. cities charge.

**Time for
riders to
do a bit
of math**

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Going Public has long been an advocate of using 30-day passes to pay for unlimited CTA rides instead of paying per ride because the unlimited passes were such a great deal. Apparently the deal was too good.

The CTA proposed Tuesday to hike the cost of one-, three-, seven- and 30-day unlimited passes including Chicago Cards that are used as 30-day passes.

Chicago Card users who pay per ride and those who pay with cash would not see an increase, which will take effect Jan. 14 if the CTA board approves the plan.

About half of CTA's riders use some type of unlimited pass, CTA president Forrest Claypool said. With the cost of the 30-day pass now at \$100, instead of \$86, it's time for all CTA riders to re-evaluate how often they use the CTA and how they should pay for the rides.

If a rider takes the train to and from work every weekday in January, it would cost \$103.50 to pay per ride (\$4.50 round trip times 23 weekdays). The 30-day unlimited pass would cost \$3.50 less and the rider could use it on weekends too.

But if a rider takes the bus round trip each weekday (at \$4 per round trip using a transit card and not cash), it may be better to pay per ride at \$92 per month as opposed to the \$100 unlimited card.

Riders also need to take into consideration that if they don't have an unlimited pass, they will have to pay \$5 every time they ride the Blue Line from O'Hare.

Riders, take some time to evaluate which CTA pass is the best deal for you.

Regular fare passes

Type	Current	Proposed	Percent change
1-day pass	\$5.75	\$10	+74%
3-day pass	\$14	\$20	+43%
7-day pass	\$23	\$28	+22%
CTA/Pace 7-day	\$28	\$33	+18%
30-day pass	\$86	\$100	+16%

Reduced fare

Type	Current	Proposed	Percent change
Reduced bus	\$0.85	\$1.00	+18%
Reduced rail	\$0.85	\$1.10	+29%
Cash (bus only)	\$1.00	\$1.10	+10%
30-day pass	\$35	\$50	+43%

The reduced fare prepaid bonus would be eliminated.

Departing from O'Hare station

	Current	Proposed	Percent change
Blue Line	\$2.25	\$5.00	+122%

Reduced-fare riders, customers who use daily and monthly passes, and Chicago Cards set up as monthly passes will be exempt.

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Mixed messages in Gaza-Israel conflict

Reuters

GAZA/JERUSALEM A Hamas official said Egyptian mediators had clinched a truce with Israel on Tuesday that would go into effect within hours, but Egypt and Israel said a Gaza cease-fire deal was still up in the air after a week of fighting.

"The talks are still continuing," an Egyptian official, who declined to be identified, said. He said Cairo was hopeful for an agreement later in the day.

Israel pressed on with its strikes in Gaza on the seventh day of its offensive and Palestinian rockets still flashed across the border as Secretary of State Hillary Clinton headed to the region after attending an Asian summit.

The Jewish state launched the campaign last week with the declared aim of halting the rocketing of its towns from the Palestinian enclave, ruled by the Hamas militant group that does not recognize Israel's right to exist.

Medical officials in Gaza said 21 Palestinians were killed Tuesday. An Israeli soldier and a civilian died when rockets exploded near the Gaza frontier, police and the army said.

Gaza medical officials say 130 people have died in Israeli strikes, mostly civilians, including 31 children. In all, five Israelis have died, including three civilians killed last week.

Clinton was due to meet Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu late Tuesday in Jerusalem. Earlier, he said that Israel was open to a long-term deal aimed at ending Palestinian rocket attacks that have plagued its southern region for years.

Khaled Meshaal, the exiled leader of Hamas, said Monday that Israel must halt its military action and lift its blockade of the Palestinian coastal enclave in exchange for a truce.

Both Netanyahu, favored to win a January national election, and President Obama have said they want a diplomatic solution rather than a possible Israeli ground operation in the densely populated territory, home to 1.7 million Palestinians.

Speaking to Reuters from Cairo, where intensive efforts have been under way to end the violence, Hamas official Ayman Taha said "an agreement for calm has been reached."

He said it would be declared at 9 p.m. local time—though no deal was announced as the clock ticked past that hour—and take effect at midnight.

Netanyahu spokesman Mark Regev said that Taha's announcement was premature and Israeli military operations in Gaza would continue in parallel with diplomacy: "We're not there yet," Regev said on CNN. "The ball's still in play."

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BEARING DOWN WITH LANCE BRIGGS

By Jack M Silverstein

FOR REDEYE

In August, while the Bears were on the road for a preseason game against the Giants, linebacker Lance Briggs posted a picture of the New York skyline on Twitter with the tweet: “The big apple. Thank you football.”

As people turn their focus to spending time with family and friends for Thanksgiving, RedEye asked him about other “thank you football” moments and what the Bears have meant to him.

I saw the picture of New York you posted on Twitter. What was your first “thank you football” moment?

I got a flight on my first recruiting trip to Nebraska while I was in high school. I was looking at the ticket—first class—[my] first time ever being in first class. I had to be up early for a 6 a.m. flight, but it was a sweet deal. It was a great trip. That, and seeing things like New York. I’m from California, so of the places that I would have gone if it wasn’t for football, New York probably wasn’t gonna be one of those places. But because of football I was able to see the Big Apple and go down and visit downtown and see some of the sights, and realize that I want to go back and keep visiting and stuff like that. So I’m thankful for what football have been able to give.

What about your favorite “thank you football” moment?

Being able to give back to my mom. I’ll never be able to thank her enough. And football has allowed me to at least show her that I appreciate what she has done and meant to me all of my life.

Football has given you a lot. Has it taken anything away from you?



Lance Briggs
CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE

Time. Time with loved ones. It’s part of the sacrifice. You know how it is. We play on a lot of Christmases. We entertain a lot of families throughout the holidays. So there are a lot of times that we don’t get to spend with our families. There’s a lot of time that I don’t get to spend with my kids that I’d like to because I have to work. I have to be here, be there, be at appearances, opportunities to make money, or I’m always traveling, just a tight schedule, just the way it is. On the flip side, football has allowed me to always provide for my children and their futures.

Do you worry at all about concussions and potential brain damage—especially you being an art guy, you love comics and everything—is that on your mind?

No. No. I love playing football. I love it. I love everything about it. When I’m playing

football, when I’m on that football field, I feel like I’m free.

In 2007, you were talking about possibly going to the Redskins. You’ve spent six more years here. What is it that you love about playing for the Bears?

Tradition. The passion. Whether you like what a Chicago fan might say or not, you know they’re passionate about their sports. You know that it’s not just bandwagon because the team is winning. They love everything that has to do with Chicago. No matter the season, no matter the year, no matter what’s going on in life, sports are No. 1 here. That’s amazing. I feel blessed to be able to experience that.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR JACK M SILVERSTEIN COVERS THE BEARS FOR REDEYE. SAY HEY @READJACK.



Jay Cutler
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Cutler: ‘I feel good’

Chicago Tribune

The health of Bears quarterback Jay Cutler for Sunday’s home game dominated discussion during his weekly radio show Tuesday.

Since suffering a concussion Nov. 11, Cutler had not spoken publicly until his appearance as part of “The Waddle & Silvy Show” on WMVP-AM 1000. Cutler missed last week’s show and did not travel with the team to San Francisco.

“I feel good, I feel good ... as normal as can be,” he said. “We’re going through the process [of being approved to return]. I met on Monday morning with the doctor. I’ve got a few more hoops to jump through, so we’ll see how it goes this week.”

Cutler said his goal was to get clearance as quickly as possible so he can take the majority of practice reps this week. He expected to meet again with doctors Wednesday and Thursday.

Asked about when he would be back in action, Cutler said, “Yeah, I’ll be back. I can’t say [Sunday against Minnesota] for sure; we’re still going through the process. But I’ll play again this year.”

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1 The next time the Bears win in San Francisco hopefully they won't get the Tenderloin beat out of them. Whoodamn.	... Rice-A-Roni won't be the only San Francisco treat.	... will never happen again since the 49ers are moving to Santa Clara.	Not gonna happen. Mayan apocalypse, bro.	... we'll probably be able to teleport there.
2 How can the Bears recover after two straight ugly losses?	Inspirational "getting back on track" montage set to Frank Stallone's "Far From Over"?	Take a page from the 1983 White Sox and WIN ugly.	Knock the snot out of the Vikings next week.	Do a medicine dance or whatever to heal Culler's brain faster.	Get plenty of rest and fluids. Or buy some different losses, if they're available.
3 What's the best part about Maryland and Rutgers joining the Big Ten?	Delusional Big Ten fans trying to get hyped about a Minnesota-Rutgers game.	The ACC no longer moves like a turtle and avoids the same ol' rut.	Not sure, but I heard Rutgers is the Purdue of New Jersey, so we've got that going for us.	Conference names have now completely lost all meaning.	Crab cakes at tailgates and arenas, I hope.
4 How will the Bulls greet Omer Asik when they play Houston on Wednesday?	Better question: What should I say to commemorate the Florida-Florida State game?	Celebrate his Turkish roots this Thanksgiving by smoking the turkey.	Trade for him.	They'll kick it "Wire" style. Omer comin'! Omer comin'!	Wearing space suits! They should return them when they're done, though.
5 Congratulate the Fire's Austin Berry on being named MLS Rookie of the Year.	Let the best team win. LOL J/K. Bleep the bleepin' Gators and everything they stand for. Go Noles.	I won't razz Berry! The fruits of his play got the Fire out of many jams.	"Way to go, Austin! Will they make a movie about you like they did Henry Rowengartner?"	"Nice job, Austin."	"Woohoo! Let's go get some crab cakes!"

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As a fantasy football player, the only thing I am thinking about is the playoffs (where is Jim Mora when I need him?) and what to do to have success in the post-season. So here are some things to think about before

you set your lineup this week.

Play your Denver Broncos

The Broncos have more than just Peyton Manning. While he's terrific, there are many Broncos who are great fantasy options. Re-

ceiver Eric Decker has eight touchdowns and is averaging 62 yards a game, and Demaryius Thomas has five scores and averages 93 yards receiving per game. These outstanding receivers are must-plays every week. Another option as a flex player is Brandon Stokley. This Manning favorite has five touchdowns and is a reliable pass catcher. The Broncos are averaging more than 30 points per game and are strong in the red zone. This team is going to keep scoring, so if you have Broncos, play them.

Play your RBs vs. the Bears

Even after the debacle in San Francisco, the Bears have a strong defense. However, it is a defense that teams can exploit with the running game. In the past four weeks, the Bears have given up an average of 132 yards on the ground. Tennessee's Chris Johnson and Houston's Arian Foster have each rushed for more than 100 yards against Lovie Smith's

crew. The Bears defense appears to be breaking down, so if you have a running back you want in your lineup, do not hesitate to start him against the Monsters of the Midway.

Play your QB vs. Jacksonville

The Jaguars are arguably the worst team in the NFL and are horrible against the pass. The Texans' Matt Schaub tore apart the Jaguars for more than 500 yards, and he's not the only quarterback to have success against Jacksonville. Detroit's Matthew Stafford and Oakland's Carson Palmer threw for 285 and 298 yards, respectively, against this sorry excuse for a defense. Plain and simple, you should get excellent results when your QB faces off against the Jaguars.

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Because there's no real hockey being played, we're simulating the Hawks' 2012-13 season on "NHL 13." For a gallery featuring all the games, visit redeyechicago.com. Nov. 21: Los Angeles 4, Blackhawks 3 (OT) A night after a Hawks win in overtime, the Kings beat the Hawks in the extra period at Staples Center. They also knocked Brent Seabrook out of the game with a concussion. Kings center Mike Richards sneaked a backhanded shot past Corey Crawford with 3:04 left in overtime for the winning score. Jonathan Toews led the Hawks with a goal and an assist.

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Wild TURKEY

THREE WAYS TO PARTY FOR BLACK WEDNESDAY

By Erin Brereton | FOR REDEYE

'Twas the night before Thanksgiving, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring—because they were all out at a bar, getting drunk. That's the story of Thanksgiving Eve, more commonly known as Black Wednesday.

Maybe it's the impending four-day weekend, the influx of out-of-town friends or just the desire to kick off the holiday season with a big, boozy bang, but Nov. 21 is one of the biggest going-out nights of the year. Whether you're looking to throw down—or avoid throwing up like last year—we've put together three party plans to help you do this unofficial drinking holiday justice.

ERIN BRERETON IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

PARTY HARD

"While the turkey gets basted, let's get wasted."

Plan ahead

Before work, stop by **Baker & Nosh** (1303 W. Wilson Ave. 773-989-7393) in Uptown (open from 7 a.m. to noon) to pick up spiced pumpkin bread (\$8) or a dozen rolls (\$8) to pass at your family's big Thanksgiving dinner the next day. Because the last thing you'll want to do tomorrow is bake while hungover.

Go balls out

Have a ball at the annual Turkey Testicle Festival at Streeterville bar **Timothy O'Toole's** (622 N. Fairbanks Court 312-642-0700). If you don't make it in time for the 9 p.m. testicle-eating contest, there's always the pumpkin pie-eating contest at 11, and deep-fried Buckets of Balls (\$6.99) are served all night.

Shake a tail feather

Join the pre-Turkey Day dance party at River North nightclub **Bevy** (215 W. Ontario St. 312-846-6687), which features DJ-spun house music, \$8 Jack Daniel's whiskey drinks and \$7 Jameson whiskey shots from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover before 11; avoid the \$20 cover after with an RSVP to tony@bevychicago.com before 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Drink around town

Hop on your choice of trolley pub crawls in Lakeview and Lincoln Park. The Turkey Trolley Trot makes stops at **McGee's** (950 W. Webster Ave.), **The Wrightwood Tap** (1059 W. Wrightwood Ave.), **Durkin's** (810 W. Diversey Parkway), **Duffy's** (420 W. Diversey Parkway), **Redmond's** (3358 N. Sheffield Ave.) and **Maeve** (1325 W. Wrightwood Ave.) from 8-11 p.m. The \$20 ticket (buy online at barlevents.com) includes two drinks per hour and an appetizer buffet, and you can start the night at any of the six bars. Or sign yourself up for the Black Wednesday Black Light Bar Crawl and down domestic drafts, cocktails and appetizers surrounded by black light decor and glow sticks from 7-10 p.m. at **Kirkwood** (2934 N. Sheffield Ave.), **Schoolyard Tavern** (3258 N. Southport Ave.) and **Crossing** (2548 N. Southport Ave.). Trolleys run continuously between the three bars and admission is \$20 in advance (buy until 4 p.m. Wednesday at shop.fourcornerstaverns.com) or \$25 at the door.



Grab a late-night bite

Nearby restaurant **Burger Joint** (675 N. Franklin St. 312-440-8600) stays open until 5 a.m. to serve morning-saving meals such as The Hangover, a half-pound angus burger topped with American cheese, tomato, bacon and a fried egg (\$6.99). "We're in the middle of all these bars," partner Dennis Skiadopoulos said. "We've gotta feed the intoxicated partygoers."

Burger Joint

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"I'm still hungover from Black Wednesday 2011."



The Barrelhouse Flat
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First, fill up

From 6 p.m.-2:30 a.m., craft cocktail bar **The Barrelhouse Flat** (2624 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-857-0421) serves a new food menu from chef Erik Chizeck, which includes substantial treats such as a burger topped with bacon and crispy potatoes (\$15). "It's a good way to fortify yourself before heading out," Chizeck said.

Sample dark brews

Stroll over to nearby gastropub **The Monkey's Paw** (2524 N. Southport Ave. 773-413-9314) for a flight of three five-ounce dark drafts (\$13), including a **chocolate-y imperial stout** from Danish brewery Amager, served from 4:30 p.m.-2 a.m.

Party with in-town pals

Head to the Re-Union party at **Union Sushi & Barbeque Bar** (230 W. Erie St. 312-662-4888) for complimentary black rice sushi from 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. "The night before Thanksgiving is a time to reunite with friends," said beverage director Peter Kim, who designed a bottled cucumber and tequila cocktail for the occasion (\$11).



Sip a one-of-a-kind cocktail

At **Trenchermen** (2039 W. North Ave. 773-661-1540), beverage director Tona Palomino plans to serve drinks such as the **Desperate Vesper**, a blend of white aperitif wine, gin and **Malort** that's been aged in a bourbon barrel since November 2011 (\$10). The Wicker Park bar and restaurant is open from 5:30-11:30 p.m., although Palomino jokingly warns that the party will end "very soon after we run out of Malort."

IN BETWEEN

"I am a mature adult but tend to drink before attending family events."



Frontier
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Begin with a bar crawl

Bounce between **Lotties** (1925 W. Cortland), **Frontier** (1072 N. Milwaukee Ave.) and **The Pony** (1638 W. Belmont Ave.) via trolley at the **Black Out Black Wednesday Trolley Crawl** from 7 p.m.-midnight. The no-cover event includes karaoke at Lotties in Bucktown, a country band at The Pony in Lakeview and drink deals such as \$4 Malibu Black rum cocktails. RSVP recommended: thefrontierchicago.com.



Hit the dance floor

Evil Olive's notorious Porn & Chicken party moves to retro-themed **Beauty Bar** (1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-8828) in West Town for a special Black Wednesday takeover edition with all the beats of the Monday night original, minus the namesake risque flicks and fried chicken. The party runs 9 p.m.-2 a.m. and features \$3 PBR tallboys and \$4 whiskey shots. RSVP at do312.com/pornandchicken by 7 p.m. Wednesday for free admission.

Wrap it up

End the night with a \$3 Wild Turkey shot at nearby bars **Cleos** (1935 W. Chicago Ave. 773-243-5600) or **Five Star Bar** (1424 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2555). Both are open until 2 a.m.

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***The variety:** Food and drink pairings work well when they share common threads, be they flavors or aromas. With the nearly limitless array of beers of all strengths and flavors, you have endless possibilities to match the foods of Thanksgiving.

But not every beer works with every food. And, to complicate things, there aren't simple rules that you can follow, like drink white wine when eating fish. Instead, you have to consider the flavors and aromas of both the food you're eating and the beer you're drinking. To help, we reached out to two experts—Randy Mosher, creative director of 5 Rabbit Cerveceria and author of "Tasting Beer," and Garrett Oliver, Brooklyn Brewery brewmaster and editor of "The Oxford Companion to Beer"—to find out what they're planning to drink this Thanksgiving.



Beers brewed for Thanksgiving (from left) Brooklyn Local 2, Westmalle Trappist Ale and Red's Rye P.A. Ale **BILL HOGAN/TRIBUNE**

MAIN COURSE

Westmalle Tripel: "Thanksgiving is an enormous meal, with many different kinds of food on people's plates," Mosher says. "You want something that won't get lost in the shuffle but won't stomp over everything." Westmalle, a pale orange beer, with a biscuit and lemon-tinged aroma and an elegant, complex flavor with notes of honey, hay and apricots fits the bill.

Two Brothers Domaine DuPage: French bieres de garde are amber with soft, caramelized flavors that complement the turkey's browned skin and gravy, Oliver says. Try Domaine DuPage with its notes of biscuits, caramel and candied fruit.

Brooklyn Brewery Local 2: Oliver will take his own brewery's beer to Thanksgiving dinner, which, like most tables, is filled with foods that have earthy, nutty and caramelized flavors. A dark abbey ale with brown sugar, raisin and dried fruit flavors, Local 2 works with everything from sweet potatoes to Brussels sprouts, he says. "It tastes slightly sweet, but it's actually very dry and pretty strong at 9 percent [alcohol]," he says.

DESSERT

Founders Red's Rye P.A.: When it comes to dessert, "bring it on," Mosher says. Try a rye-based pale ale like Red's Rye that has burnt sugar notes, similar to those in a dessert like pecan pie. The bitter hops help cut through the pie's sweetness.

Samuel Smith's Imperial Stout: "This style was originally brewed just for Catherine the Great, so you know it's luxurious," Oliver says. "These are strong, dark beers made with plenty of roasted malts, giving them flavors reminiscent of dark chocolate and coffee. They're great with pumpkin pies, cakes and tarts, and particularly good with ice cream." For Oliver, an exemplar of the style is the pitch-black Samuel Smith's with its notes of coffee, chocolate, prunes and raisins.



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‘RED DAWN’ STAR JOSH PECK DIDN’T MIND BEING A YOUNGSTER ON SET

By Matt Pais | REDEYE

In reality, “Red Dawn” star Josh Peck says, Twitter would be the No. 1 communication tool during a foreign invasion.

“#holy[bleep],” says the actor, best known for Nickelodeon’s “Drake and Josh” series and films including “The Wackness.” “#OhMyGodWe’reAtWar. #I’mSo[Bleeping]ScaredRightNow. [Laughs.] It would be intense.”

In the remake of the 1984 cult favorite opening Friday, Twitter’s not an option. High school quarterback Matt (Peck), his older brother/Marine, Jed (Chris Hemsworth), Robert (Josh Hutcherson), and others have only their courage and loyalty to each other to help them fight an army of North Koreans who fly into Spokane, Wash. The new “Red Dawn” was filmed in 2009 and signifies the rare action movie that emphasizes character and on-the-ground combat over 3-D effects and CGI battles.

Over breakfast at Brunch in River North, the 26-year-old New York native talked about how he’d react in an invasion, bleeding on the set and his desire to remake “The Mighty Ducks.”

The movie presents such an extreme situation. How do you think you would react if this really happened?

I’d be dead. I’m pretty sure. I don’t know if I’m exactly in a position to help protect anything. I hope that they would be able to use me in some sort of USO fashion. [Laughs.] Entertaining the troops, distracting them as they’re fighting and whatnot. I think in pretty much every respect that’s what I would be best at.

They’re like, “The war just started, Josh, stop trying to say you want to do stand-up. They’re in the middle of fighting.”

Exactly. I’d be like, “Listen, they need some sort of entertainment while they’re having their midday lunch.”

“If everyone can just cease fire ...”

“Is this thing on? How ’bout that mustard gas, huh? How come mustard has the condiment monopoly on warfare?”

You weren’t hugely into sports growing up. How much training did you have to do to be a high-school quarterback for “Red Dawn”?

I got put in football training for a week. This movie was like boyhood fantasy after boyhood fantasy come true between military training and being with Navy SEALs and Marines. Thank God I had this brilliant double who was an arena football [player]. If at all I come across cool, it’s because of him.

You wound up with a scar and stitches filming this. What were those incidents like, and what was going through your head at the time?

Josh Peck
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

MORE ONLINE

Josh Peck recalls one of his many blunders with women in a video interview at redeyechicago.com



'Red Dawn'

Well I got two stitches here [near his left ear] because there's a scene where I'm running to go save my girlfriend in the movie, and the gun that I'm holding caught on the end of a seat and wound up knocking me in the head. And there's blood coming down and I was like, "Let's go again." And they were like, "Why don't you try the hospital first?" So now I'm in the Detroit trauma center and the doctor looks at me. He says "What happened?" I said, "For real, doc?" He was like, "Yeah." I said, "I was running down a school bus with an AK-47 and it hit me in the head." He's like, "Oh, third one today. So, are you an extra?" I'm like, "Let me assure you, I'm a pretty big deal, bro."

It seems like Chris Hemsworth was asked to step up and be the leader when going through the military training. What was it like watching him transform into a guy who was supposed to be a Marine?

He's a natural leader in that respect. He was 26 when we were shooting the film, and so he and [Adrianne Palicki] were the oldest people in the cast, and then there was [Isabel Lucas] and I that were 23, and Josh Hutcherson and [Connor Cruise] that were 14 and 16. In that respect, much like the characters in the movie, they were the maternal and patriarchal aspect of the film. And so they ushered us to a lot of things and took care of us in many ways. Especially with Chris, he would laugh with me and another actor in

the film, this kid Julian [Alcaraz], who played Greg. We were kind of the young kids always giving him a hard time. [Chris] was like, "Come here, my little cubs." He would like call us his little cubs. We'd be sitting at the lunch table in the middle of the day. He'd be like, "Oy, little cubs hungry." That's like my awful Australian accent.

That was an accent?

Yeah. I don't even know what just happened. I'm not proud of it. I've done "oy" before and I feel like I got something going on. A little touch of the Outback. Cheers.

Did anyone ever accidentally call him "dad"?

Me. I have him under "Dad" in my cell-phone. "Daddy" actually. He's an awesome dude. There's a natural way about him that's really endearing, and we became really good friends.

What other '80s movies do you want remade?

I think they might be remaking "Taps." That was a pretty big movie in my upbringing. I'm already into the '90s, bro. I hope they remake "The Mighty Ducks" because I'd be all over that. Or "Heavyweights"? Oh, God.

You want that?

What, a remake of "Mighty Ducks"? Oh my God. Listen, that movie's on sacred ground for me. If there would be any chance for Joshua Jackson to bless me with the role of Charlie Conway, I'd be in in a big way.



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Red Dawn R

In 1984’s “Red Dawn,” characters used laughable secret codes, including “John has a long mustache.” Minorities were referred to in ways that aren’t even close to acceptable today. And a dad, separated from his

son, screamed, “Avenge me!”

It’s not saying much that the new “Red Dawn” is better, but it is. By quite a bit. Where the original’s chilling opening of foreign paratroopers invading Colorado and firing into a school gave way to a nonsensical tale of high school kids who absolutely dominate trained soldiers, the makers of the 2012 “Red Dawn” actually took time to figure out how to make the movie work.

Shot in 2009 and set in Spokane, Wash., the remake awkwardly switched its villains



from the Chinese to the North Koreans, but otherwise has its head on straight. Jed (Chris Hemsworth) now is a Marine, and he combat trains the teenagers he holes up with during the invasion. His leadership convincingly mobilizes a group of kids (including Josh Peck as Jed’s brother Matt and Josh Hutcherson of “The Hunger Games” as Robert) who grow up very quickly when forced to defend themselves and their homes against an en-

emy that apparently has wiped out all forms of communication. (Obviously Twitter would be a major factor in such an event.)

It’s still absurd when the American rebels shout “Wolverines!” in salute to their high school mascot during the fight. Robert, who notes “We’re living ‘Call of Duty,’ and it sucks,” while demanding Subway sandwiches (but no flatbread!) at gunpoint, quickly goes from funny to disturbing. Thing is, teenagers

go to war all the time, and this “Red Dawn” is no joke. Though the movie’s also no “Sky-fall,” it’s a scary, action-packed war zone that demonstrates the cost of selfishness and the importance of bonding as a team.

I wonder how many young fans of Hemsworth and Hutcherson will respond to the title, though. Were it not already taken, a bigger box-office hit might have come with the name “Step Up 2 the Streets.”

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Boasting a title that Homer Simpson would decry for false advertising—it's easy to imagine him hungrily moaning, "Mmm, a life of pie!" —"Life of Pi" is

not really about the life of man named Pi. A more accurate title would be, "My Adolescent Religious Exploration and Traumatizing Shipwreck and Don't Worry About the Next Three Decades Because I'm Alive and Everything Turned Out Fine."

Great stories don't need to call themselves great stories, but that's what "Life of Pi" does. A nameless writer in India (Rafe Spall of "Prometheus") hears that he simply must meet a man in Canada with a story "that would make me believe in God." That's enough to raise his curiosity; he travels to Montreal and sits down with Pi (played as an adult by Irrfan Khan), who obviously enjoys Ted Mosby's long, continuous storytelling style.

Pi then recounts a youth lived as a Muslim, Christian and Hindu and focuses on the time the ship he and his family were taking to North America tipped. That leaves Pi (played by Suraj Sharma as a 17-year-old) alone in a lifeboat with a zebra, orangutan, hyena and Bengal tiger—funnily named Richard Parker as a result of a paperwork error.

Director Ang Lee's ("Brokeback Mountain") gorgeously shot 3-D film features



Life of Pi
PG-13

spectacular footage on the water: A giant storm tosses boats the size of a city block and people the size of Gerard Depardieu (pointlessly cast as a racist Frenchman) like playthings; Pi, who grows not a whisker in months and months at sea, labors to endure endless, hungry days with his animals.

In his big-screen debut, Sharma's an ideal find, holding the screen as well as Tom Hanks in "Cast Away." His determination astounds,

especially as he refuses to betray Richard Parker, which would represent a significant increase in Pi's safety but mean stabbing a valued companion in the back.

Yet "Life of Pi," adapted from Yann Martel's novel, ultimately becomes a heavy story that's deceptively shallow. The cracks in Pi's faith conveniently disappear without explanation. As a boy, he claims a priest's discussion of

God and Jesus "made no sense" and as an adult notes that his father's polio wasn't cured by God but by Western medicine. Nevertheless, an experience that kills his family and nearly destroys him solidifies his belief? Come on.

Plus, how this incident impacts the rest of the life of Pi remains totally and absurdly unclear. Since the writer takes no notes and doesn't tape-record the story, he hopefully will question Pi about that when he asks to hear the whole thing over again.





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Extras: In addition to archival extras, it has impressive graphics and two discs of added material, including a look back at Tarantino's career that by itself runs more than two hours.
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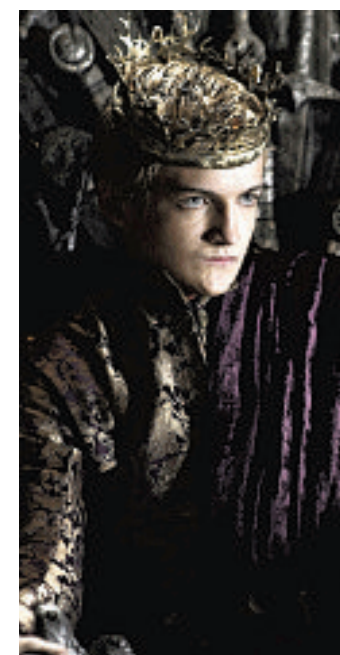
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The Expendables 2

Doubling down on what worked just fine two years ago, the sequel to "The Expendables" brings back Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li, Dolph Lundgren, Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger, and adds Chuck Norris and Jean-Claude Van Damme to the roster of action veterans paying homage to the big, dumb, guns-and-bombs flicks of the 1980s. The plot this time has the team of mercenaries losing one of their own and exacting revenge, but "plot" isn't really the point of either of the "Expendables" movies. The idea is to show buff, beloved old stars, swapping quips and bullets while running in slow-motion ahead of explosions. The big difference with the second movie is that Stallone abandons the director's chair to Simon West, who has more experience making a blockbuster shoot-em-up look as slick as it's supposed to.

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Naughty disguising itself as nice

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"Hey kids, what would you think about a movie in which pizza and ice cream were voiced by your mom and Selena Gomez and they had sleepovers and fought

crime? Would you like that?"

That kind of foolish, focus-grouped approach theoretically inspired the 3-D animated "Rise of the Guardians," in which tattooed and/or snarky versions of icons that commercialize religious holidays (Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny), fairy tale figures (the Tooth Fairy, the Sandman) and a character that barely figures into childhood at all (Jack Frost) combine to defend the world's kids. Actually, they only protect kids who believe in them, so that wipes out a large, unrecognized-by-the-film percentage of the planet right there.

These beings operate vaguely in service of hope and wonder and other generalized concepts but also in their own self-interest; much of their desire to make kids believe is



Rise of the Guardians

PG Yes, that's zero stars

so Jack Frost (voiced by Chris Pine) and the others feel validated.

The group's enemy is Pitch (Jude Law, effectively menacing), a bogeyman who haunts dreams with demon horses as if that's the only thing kids have nightmares about. Some details worth mentioning: Santa (known as North and voiced by Alec Baldwin) is Eastern European, Jack Frost experiences a Jesus-like resurrection and the Man in the Moon is the one who recruits guardians to their posts.

There's imagination-driven suspension of disbelief and there's total, shameless garbage. The characters in "Rise of the Guardians" are flat-out offensive, corrupting the curiosities of young viewers into a toxic soup of bland earnestness and hectic action. The script by David Lindsay-Abaire, adapted from William Joyce's "The Guardians of Childhood" and Joyce's short film "Man in the Moon," seems to have "forced, whimsical laugh" written on



every page.

David, just because characters yell "Wah-hoo!" and cackle while flying through the air doesn't mean a movie's fun.

All kids lose teeth. Not all kids love freezing weather or recognize Santa. Without identifying what this fantasy ensemble means to children, "Rise" cares much more about its

irritating characters than the youngsters they supposedly live to protect. Director Peter Ramsey, whose previous directing credit is the TV movie "Monsters vs. Aliens: Mutant Pumpkins from Outer Space," delivers a film as vapid and false as "The Polar Express," "Hop" and the tale of Dwayne Johnson becoming the Tooth Fairy. Combined.

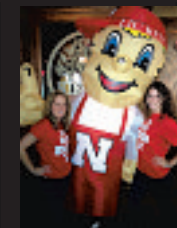


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MON • 50cent Jumbo Wings • \$2 Shots • \$4 Svedka Vodka Mixers • \$5 Chicken n Waffles • \$5 Jamo Shots • \$15 Domestic Buckets



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2012 gift guide



Happy Holi-dates

5 EXPERIENTIAL GIFTS TO SPOIL YOUR SWEETIE

By Tom VanBuren | FOR REDEYE

If your strategy for romantic gift-giving amounts to little more than a Target gift card, a bottle of wine and a DIY coupon book for back rubs, it's time to step up your game. Don't force your significant other to return yet another terrible sweater; instead, make some memories together by planning a date that the two of you can actually enjoy. No matter your partner's type, you can come up with a plan that shows how much you care, with no gift receipt required.

TOM VANBUREN IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

THE GAMER

If your honey's living room is always cluttered with video game controllers, empty Mountain Dew cans and dog-eared strategy guides, show some love for the classics with a night at the arcade. First, drop in at Wicker Park's **Antique Taco** (1360 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-687-8697) for tasty tacos and horchata milkshakes, then mosey down the street for a night of retro gaming at **Emporium Arcade Bar** (1366 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-697-7922). It's a scientific fact that there is no combination more romantic than tacos, craft brews and "NBA Jam," and since Emporium's games use tokens, you can save those rolls of quarters for the laundromat.



THE BEER GEEK

Don't settle for giving your beer geek beau a six-pack or a cheesy home-brewing kit. See how it's really done by taking in a local brewery tour. Rent a car and hit the open road toward west-suburban Warrenville, home of **Two Brothers Brewing Company & Tap House** (30W 315 Calumet Ave. Warrenville, 630-393-2337). The brewery runs free tours every Saturday at 1 and 2:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m., and when you're done, grab a growler as a souvenir (\$3.99 per growler; \$8.99-\$14.99 for each fill). For a second stop, **Solemn Oath Brewery** (1661 Quincy Ave. Suite 179 Naperville, 630-995-3062) is just a 15-minute drive away. New in 2012, the brewery offers weekly growler specials (\$19-\$24) and a rotating selection of brews on tap.

THE TV BUFF

Nobody ever said that homebodies don't love a romantic gesture. If your significant other calls in sick for "America's Next Top Model" marathons and cries when the DVR is full, give the gift of a night in front of the tube. Treat your partner to the new, special edition Blu-ray of "Game of Thrones: The Complete First Season" for an epic evening (\$99.97 suggested retail), or splurge on the new "Friends: The Complete Series" box set (\$279.98 suggested retail) so you can relive the moment when Ross and Rachel finally got together and you know, once and for all, that love is totally real. Make sure you never have to leave the apartment by ordering in from **Roots Handmade Pizza** (1924 W. Chicago Ave. 773-645-4949). They'll even deliver a bottle of wine or beer while you're at it.

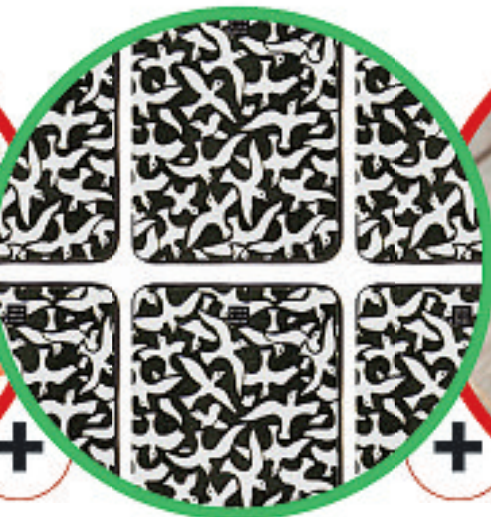


THE CHOCOHOLIC

When your lover has a sweet tooth, chocolates are a holiday classic. Step away from the Russell Stover, though, because that stuff has "drug-store checkout aisle" written all over it. Give something with a little local flavor, like a box of **hand-crafted truffles** (\$9.50-\$42.00) from Katherine Anne Confections (2745 W. Armitage Ave. 773-245-1630) in Logan Square. Then, swing over to Gingersnap Sweets & Such (1416 W. Irving Park Road 773-697-8529) and indulge in a few mugs of hot chocolate (\$3.75-\$5.25). End the night at The Long Room (1612 W. Irving Park Road 773-665-4500) with a 12-ounce goblet of Brooklyn Brewery's Black Chocolate imperial stout (\$8).

THE FASHIONISTA

Help your fashion-minded partner live out all those "Project Runway" fantasies with an afternoon of designing at 1154 Lill Studio (900 N. Michigan Ave. Level 5 312-344-1825). Give a gift certificate so your significant other can get creative using a giant touch screen to design custom accessories (\$32 and up) such as a **handbag**, an iPad case or even a **manpurse**—oh, don't pretend they aren't practical. After making it work Tim Gunn-style, head up to Gold Coast sushi bar Jellyfish (1009 N. Rush St. 312-660-3111) for the evening. Unwind with stylish cocktails such as the **Starry Night** and **The Corsage** (both \$15) and enjoy a spirited debate about when it's socially acceptable to wear a Forever Lazy—besides always.



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Rocketfish Mobile Vehicle Mount \$25 at [bestbuy.com](#)

Stop fumbling with your smartphone while driving. No seriously, stop. Get a handy mount for your dashboard that gives you a clear view of your device while keeping your hands where they belong—on the wheel.



Applecore cord organizers \$1.99-\$4.99 at [apple-cores.com](#)

Having device-filled lives means tangled cords snake across the floors in our homes. In the shape of an apple core, these gadgets allow you to wrap your laptop, cell-phone or headphone wires around a soft rubber core, preventing the usual cat's cradle of cords.

Uncommon iPhone case \$40 at [getuncommon.com](#)

Put your own personalized spin on the standard iPhone accessory with these highly customizable cases. Upload a favorite photo or a picture of your own creation to the website, and you'll get a durable phone protector with your image inked onto a clear, slim case.



Koala Tablet Mount \$20 at [dockem.com](#)

Looking at a recipe on your tablet while cooking can be a pain in the neck—literally. The Koala Mount holds your iPad in place on a wall or any hard surface with adhesives.



GoSmart Restpad \$35 at [justgosmart.com](#)

Until someone develops technology that will allow us to use computers with our minds, we'll continue to be tied to the mouse. The GoSmart Restpad makes things a little easier on sore wrists with a soft sheepskin rest area.



Fling Mini Smartphone Game Controller \$25 at [tenonedesign.com](#)

Touch pads work fine for swipe-friendly games like "Angry Birds," but not so much if you're trying to pull off a dragon punch in "Street Fighter" on your iPhone. These mini sticks can be plopped on your smartphone with a suction cup, allowing for spontaneous gaming.



Agloves Touchscreen gloves \$20 at [agloves.com](#)

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« Yamaha Restio Music System \$500 at amazon.com

Most speakers are not that unattractive, but the Restio looks more like a minimalist work of modern art. It also doesn't sacrifice sound for style; the Hi-Fi audio impresses.



« Philips Downtown Headphones (\$100) Available at: Amazon.com

Let's face it, most large headphones look obnoxious—like they're all being designed for rappers or 12-year old skate punks. But you won't be ashamed to wear these classy, sophisticated headphones from Phillips.



« Beats Pill \$200 at beatsbydre.com

It's called the pill, but the only sickness it cures is a lack of booming bass. This wireless portable speaker uses the power of Bluetooth to let you connect to your smartphone or laptop and listen to music or even take calls.



« PowerBar 4200 Travel Charger \$70 at fatcatgear.com

It's happened to us all—a portable device that goes dead because we're so busy we haven't had a chance to charge it. This compact travel charger lets you juice up your smartphone or MP3 device without an outlet.



« Turtle Beach XP 400 headset \$220 at turtlebeach.com

Those still using that Xbox 360 headset are living in the stone ages. This one features Bluetooth compatibility for completely wireless chat and the ability to sync your cellphone to it. The sound quality remains nearly crystal-clear while the large cups block most outside noises.



« Samsung Chromebook \$250 at amazon.com

Yes, indeed, that is a real laptop for only \$250. This easy to use Chromebook weighs in at just over two pounds and features all sorts of built-in Google products. And did we mention it only costs \$250?



« iPad Mini »

Starting at \$329 at amazon.com
At 7.9 inches, the new iPad still has a substantial touchscreen to swipe, poke and prod, but it's smaller size and lighter weight makes it a bit easier to carry around with you.



« Samsung Galaxy Note II Starting at \$299.99 at samsung.com, elsewhere

Is it a phone? Is it a tablet? Maybe it's best to call the Galaxy Note II a phablet, because it combines elements of both into one sleek package. It's not as portable as most phones, but it's hard to find something that the Note II can't do.

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Cubs Waffle Maker and Panini Press \$40 at wrigleyvillesports.com

The Cubs long tradition of losing goes down better with a little food in the stomach. That's why we like this grill that brands the team logo into bread or waffles. Go, breakfast, go.



ECOXPOWER Headlight/Charger \$100 at ecoxgear.com

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White Sox Pitcher Set \$50 at grandstandsox.com

Though you're not at The Cell having a few cold ones, you can almost feel like you're drinking at the game with these Sox-branded pitchers, pint glasses and coasters.

Chicago Bulls Pet Jersey » \$25 at bullsfanatics.com

Even if your dog can catch a Frisbee in his mouth it's unlikely he will ever crack the Bulls' starting lineup. This pet jersey with the team logo might be the next best thing.



Mitchell & Ness Bears Cardigan \$100 at store.chicago-bears.com

Stay classy, Chicago. This old-school sweater looks like something "Papa Bear" Halas may have worn himself on a crisp fall day in the '40s.



Blackhawks Players Dolls \$16 at chicagoteamstore.com

Hockey might be on strike, but it doesn't mean your fandom has to stay on ice. These plush dolls, which come in both Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews models, are sure to bring a smile to any Blackhawks fan's face.



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BLACK FRIDAY

SURVIVAL GUIDE

Ready, set, shop! But first, have a plan

Are you ready for this week's "midnight madness?" We're talking about Black Friday, and if you want to score the best deals on holiday gifts, you'll need to draw up a battle plan by deciding what to buy and researching where to go to get the most bang for your buck.

"People get caught up in the hype and emotion of Black Friday and get swept away and overbuy during the frenzy and the excitement," said Jodi Furman, a shopping and savings expert in Lake Worth, Fla. "Make a plan and a list and stick to it. Do not make any impulse purchases if it's not on your list. No matter how good the price, it's not a bargain if you don't need it."

Furman, who writes the shopping and savings blog livefabuless.com, says you can sniff out the best bargains before and after Black Friday with a little planning.

Here's her top tips on how to score the best deals:

Set a spending limit

Focus on what you need and what you can afford. Furman suggests you set the budget and stick to it. "The best gift you can give to your family is one of financial stability. If you can't afford to pay cash for a present right now, perhaps you don't really need to be buying it."

Do your homework

Check sales fliers online (many are already posted) and get the Thanksgiving Day newspaper to see what deals are being offered at what times. "Research what you what to buy now. Visit bfads.net or blackfriday.fm for a good overview of upcoming sales. These sites have search functions that help you find the best offers on what you want to purchase."

Let someone else do your homework

Check popular savings sites like totallytarget.com and iheartthemart.com. They focus on the best sales at Target and Wal-Mart. "These sites do the legwork for you so you can relax and enjoy your Thanksgiving turkey and not stress about the sales."

Find shopping buddies

If you want to get items at more than one store, Furman suggests using the "divide and conquer" method. "If there are two or three of you, divide your lists between each person and one goes to each store to get the bargains for everyone."

Get rebates

Get cash back for online purchases by using sites like ebates.com, fatwallet.com and swagbucks.com. "The sites offer a percentage of your online purchases back in cash."

Use technology

Sign up for emails and text messages from your favorite retailers so you'll automatically be notified of special offers. "Consult shopping blogs and download smartphone apps so you can get more for less. Not just less money—less stress, less time, less effort and less running around." Furman recommends downloading apps like redlaser.com for iPhone and shopsavvy.com for Android smartphones. "Use the camera to scan barcodes and check prices online and at brick-and-mortar stores to be sure you're getting the best price. ShopKick also offers cash back and points for shopping at certain retailers."

Use price matching

For the first time, Target is price matching online competitors Wal-Mart, Amazon, Best Buy and Toys R Us, Furman says. Save sales receipts in case you find a better price at a later date. "Some stores will do a price match and a price adjust so you'll be able to get what you paid at the current advertised price. You won't have to return the items and re-buy them. Just bring in your receipt with the ad, if you have it, to get your money back." Saving receipts serves another purpose, too. "If you do accidentally overbuy, you can return items to keep within your budget."

Wait?

If you don't feel like going out in the middle of the night, you'll still find great bargains, Furman says. "You don't need to run around to a bunch of different stores in the middle of the night," Furman said. "There are great sales offered after Black Friday. There usually is another sales surge Dec. 8-10 and then again around Dec. 22-24. Just watch the newspaper ads." TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS



Score free gift cards

Some stores also offer free gift cards with purchase of popular electronics such as iPods and video game consoles, she says. "Research those deals. They will be well advertised."



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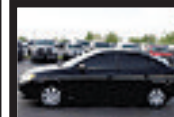
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BLACK FRIDAY FASHION DEALS



Chicago Tribune

Black Friday begins at 8 p.m. Thursday at Wal-Mart and 9 p.m. at Target, where shoppers will shake off their food comas in pursuit of bargains, particularly on electronics, such as Wal-Mart's 32-inch Emerson 720p LCD TV for \$148, \$80 below the usual price. But if apparel and accessories are on your shopping list, let your feast digest for at least a couple more hours, then check out these retailers' post-Thanksgiving deals, from mass market chains to niche brands.

» **H&M** city stores open at midnight with women's fall sweaters and holiday dresses starting at \$5 (yes, five bucks), men's pants at \$10 and kids' jackets at \$10. The first 100 people in line will get scratch-offs valued at up to \$300. Pre-Black Friday deals started Monday. See hm.com.

» **Kohl's** stores open doors at midnight with early bird specials available at kohls.com starting Wednesday, including \$34.99 misses Apt. 9 cashmere sweaters, regularly \$125. All of Vera Wang's offerings will be 30 percent to 60 percent off. Save an extra 20 percent on all in-store fine and sterling silver jewelry and 50 percent off in-store stock of toys. Select electronics are 20 percent to 50 percent off.

» **Macy's** stores open at midnight with \$39.99 women's boots from Aerosoles, G by GUESS,

Madden Girl and others; \$29.99 pea coats from XOXO; \$39.99 quarter-carat diamond hoop earrings by Victoria Townsend; and \$99.99 Levi's leather jackets for men and women. Most deals also are available at macys.com.

» **Diesel** is already offering 30 percent off the fall collection, excluding some denim styles and licensee products, in stores and at diesel.com through Friday.

» **UnitedNude.com** takes 30 percent off its architectural shoes and other fall and winter items. Friday through Nov. 26. Discount code: PROM030.

» **Coldwater Creek** takes 40 percent off storewide until noon Friday, 30 percent off through the weekend. Coldwatercreek.com takes 40 percent off site-wide on so-called Cyber Monday (Nov. 26).

» Upscale outerwear brand **Mackage** takes 25 percent to 50 percent off Friday through Monday at mackage.com.

» **AllSaints** stores and website take 20 percent off selected men's and women's pieces Thursday through Monday at us.allsaints.com.

» **Bon-Ton** stores are selling The Sak Iris Crossbody bag at 50 percent off and Sakroots Artist Circle smartphone wristlets for \$19.99 Friday.

» **HSN.com** offers 40 percent to 50 percent off select faux fur pieces from A by Adrienne Landau, jewelry by R.J. Graziano and more Friday to Monday.

» Select retailers at **Water Tower Place**, 845 N. Michigan Ave., will open at midnight Thursday for Black Friday sales. Visit shopwatertower.com for details.

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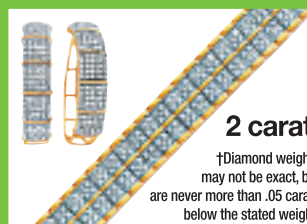
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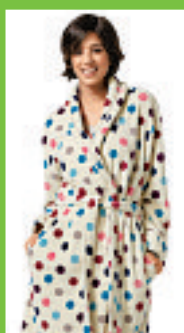
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Chocolate bars

Starting at \$5 from Wild Ophelia

If you love local chocolatier Vosges but can't stomach the prices, its new sibling brand Wild Ophelia features similarly oddball flavors for a couple bucks less a pop. Varieties range from sweet (hibiscus-peach, cherry-pecan) to savory (milk chocolate with beef jerky, dark chocolate with barbecue potato chips) and are sold in single bars for \$5 each at Candyality (3425 N. Southport Ave. 773-472-7800) or online in a four-pack gift bag (\$13.99 at wildophelia.com).



Sweet Home Chicago collection

From \$39.99 at Pastoral locations and pastoralartisan.com

This bundle of sugary joy spotlights treats made by four candy companies led by local ladies: Bacon-bourbon caramel corn from Salted Caramel, a chocolate-toffee bar from Confection Diva, truffles from Katherine Anne Confections and pistachio nougat from Whimsical Candy (\$39.99). Available at Pastoral locations in Lakeview (2945 N. Broadway 773-472-4781) and in the Loop (53 E. Lake St. 312-658-1250).



French macarons

Starting at \$11.50 from Vanilla Patisserie

Opening up a box of these rainbow-hued beauties is even more satisfying than cracking open a fresh box of crayons on the first day of school. Available in packages of six (\$11.50), 12 (\$19.50) and 24 (\$36) at the Vanilla Patisserie booth inside Chicago French Market (131 N. Clinton St. 312-575-9963).



Leatherbee gift set

\$90 at Provenance Food & Wine

Stop by this Lincoln Square shop (2312 W. Leland Ave. 773-784-2314) after Dec. 1 to get your hands on a gift pack from the local distillery that includes a bottle of original gin, autumnal gin and barrel-aged absinthe.



Bloody mary party pack

\$35 at stusukitchen.com

Have a brunch-obsessed foodie or two on your list? This box contains the goods to turn their kitchen counter into a bloody mary bar: Stu's Heritage Foods' signature bloody mary concentrate, key lime juice, ghost pepper hot sauce and sweet corn salt for a festively rimmed glass. Just add tomato juice, vodka and ice and you're ready for New Year's Day brunch.



Rare Bird preserves

\$9.50 at Goddess & Grocer
Peanut butter and jelly may be a classic combination, but these locally made preserves prove that unique pairings such as Earl Grey tea with fig and pear with vanilla and pino blanc can be just as delicious. Look for these flavors plus many more at Goddess & Grocer Bucktown (1646 N. Damen Ave. 773-342-3200).



Gourmet gift baskets

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By **Kate Bernot** | REDEYE

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Goose Island Bourbon County Brand Stout

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One of the quintessential local beer releases of the year, Goose Island's BCS is especially plentiful at local shops this year thanks to the brewery's recent acquisition by Anheuser-Busch. Give this to the friend who needs to up his or her craft beer knowledge. Then hope that he or she shares.



Nourishing Notes Cards

\$4 each at Green Grocer, Plenty

Your foodie friends already are going to get a ton of aprons, whisks and cookbooks from Santa this year. Instead, surprise them with these playful, made-in-Chicago notecards that all have an edible theme. Available at Green Grocer (1402 W. Grand Ave. 312-624-9508), Plenty (2036 W. Division St. 773-270-1509) and other stores.



Unison Pillows

\$48 at Unison Studio+Store

The husband-and-wife team behind Chicago-based Unison (2000 W. Fulton St. 877-492-7960) appreciate modern lines and clean color combinations, meaning their bedding, pillows and other housewares always seem chic without distracting from other furnishings. This 17 x 17 pillow is a hostess gift you'd almost rather keep for yourself.



Bowtruss Coffee Roasters Huila Roast

\$11 per pound at Bowtruss

The proliferation of new coffee roasters in town means no one is relegated to cardboard-tasting instant stuff any longer. For the caffeine freak on your list, the smooth Colombian beans at Bowtruss (2934 N. Broadway Ave. 773-857-1360) have a light caramel flavor that would be wonderful sipped alongside holiday-time desserts and pastries.



Tokyo Milk Perfume

\$37 at Alcala Boutique

There's a totally hard edge to these unexpected fragrances. You'll find lots of scents inspired by food and nature: coconut, cinnamon, white

tea and leather, all of which smell just right during the winter. Available at Alcala Boutique (1739 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-0225), Green Goddess Boutique (1009 W. Armitage Ave. 773-281-5600), Komoda (2559 W. Chicago Ave. 773-276-8229) and other stores.



Handpainted Banks

\$25 at Paperish Mess

Chicago native and Cincinnati resident Frances Romero (who makes art under the name "Il Mostro") hand paints these adorable banks for sale at the Ukrainian

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MORE CHICAGO SHOPPING

**Buck Tees T-shirts**

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These Buck Tees shirts should fit the bill for that hipster on your list. The line, which includes the Rooder tee shown here, comes from artist Alex Kritikos and Spencer Tweedy, son of Wilco's Jeff. Every Buck Tees T-shirt is printed in Chicago on 100 percent cotton Bella + Canvas shirts.

**Duke Cannon's Big Ass Brick of Soap**

\$5-\$8 at dukecannon.com

The name might be silly, but this is a serious bar of soap. Based on the "brick"-style of soap used by GIs during the Korean War, this made-in-

the-USA bar from Cannon Supply Co. is three times the size of most soap and cut rough for gripability. It's perfect for the guy in your life who runs from "beauty" products. You can get them locally at Urban Outfitters and Haberdash stores.

**Art prints** From \$19.99 at thumbtackpress.com

Thumbtack Press doesn't have a brick-and-mortar store in Chicago to sell its open-edition art prints, but its business is run out of the city and includes local artists. Prints, like Steve Seeley's "Untitled (Thundermask W/Bear)" (above left) and Matthew Woodson's "Xi" (above right) start at \$19.99 depending on size. (You can order them framed or on stretched canvas for an additional charge.) Get 15 percent off total purchase made by Nov. 27 with discount code "redeye".

**Chicago table**

From \$199 at 900BLOK.com or at Neighborly (2003 W. Montrose Ave. 773-857-1512)

Want to share your love of Chicago in a unique, cool way? Designer Julie Purpura's company, 900 Blok, created these tables shaped like the Windy City. They're made of HDF board with a spray lacquer finish and solid oak legs. You can get a side table (\$199) or a coffee table (\$299) in a variety of colors. The company also makes State tables to order, and a city series is in the works. —CURT WAGNER, REDEYE



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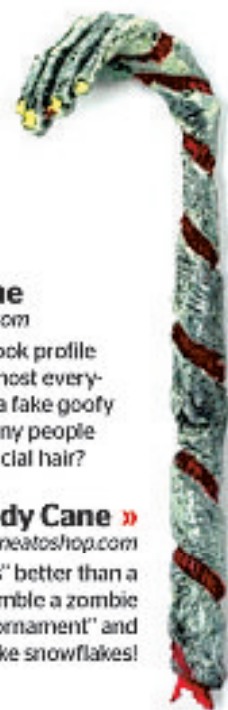
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« Black Carstache

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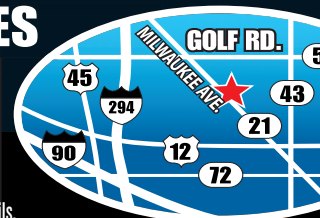
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A MUSIC FAN'S DREAM



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Foreword by
Alice Cooper

**Rock Chronicles:
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As Blue Öyster Cult might have put it: Don't fear the reader. For the music aficionado on your holiday shopping list, "Rock Chronicles: Every Legend, Every Line-Up, Every Look" might fit the stocking. The new 576-page book, edited by David Roberts, offers a color-coded, encyclopedic look at "250 of the most important rock acts of the past 50 years," according to a statement from the tome's publisher. That means it skews heavy in the "classic rock" vein. To wit, the book nabs the always-colorful Alice Cooper to write the foreword: "Long live rock 'n' roll—rock 'n' roll is NOT DEAD. You might want to take your own pulse. If it's too loud, maybe you're dead."

"Rock Chronicles'" biggest contribution to the music conversation is its "at-a-glance graphic timelines," as Roberts puts it in his introduction. Want to know every member of Captain Beefheart and His Magic Band? Got 'em. Need to know how many copies of David Bowie's "Let's Dance" album sold globally? It's here (9.5 million), all in an easy-to-read graphic. MCT

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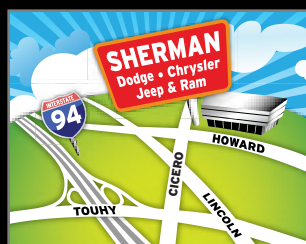
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ACROSS

- 1 Ocean measurement
6 Thrilled
10 Strikebreaker
14 Knowledgeable
15 Houston school
16 Corridor
17 Happen again
18 _ though; albeit
19 Impolite
20 Approximate calculation
22 Papers from a graduate student
24 Long story
25 Oakland team
26 Female graduate
29 Used an emery board
30 Traitor
31 One-_; unfair
33 Chairs & pews
37 Dutch cheese
39 Johnny Cash's "A Boy _ Sue"
41 Urgent
42 Fireplace residue
44 Tempts; draws
46 Last calendar page
47 Recluse
49 _ hound; dog with short legs
51 Answers
54 Donate
55 Pretty songbird
56 Get the knots out of
60 Once again
61 Ms. Delany
63 Like melted marshmallows
64 "No _"; casual refusal
65 Prepare for publication
66 Get rid of
67 Kernel
68 Specks
69 Seasons at the table

DOWN

- 1 Be bold
2 Woolly females
3 Treaty
4 Obvious fact
5 Melville and Munster
6 Actress Garbo

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8 Top spade
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10 _ lettuce; tostada topper
11 Lost _; hopeless case
12 Birch variety
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21 Time and _; repeatedly
23 Hurries

- 25 Passenger
26 Length times width
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28 Provo's state
29 Thighbone
32 Valleys
34 Helps
35 Poplar or pine
36 Splinter group
38 Get gentler with maturity
40 Account deduction
43 Dirt

- 45 Fred and Ben
48 Required
50 Spanish wife
51 Highways
52 Bert's buddy
53 Portion
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By Dana Moran | REDEYE

While we're dutifully stretching our stomachs ahead of Thursday's eating marathon, celebs are busy spouting off ridiculous lines we can be thankful for. See if you can match the quote to the festive celeb who said it. And, oh yeah, get ready to feast!

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1 "Late-night eating, junk food, pizza, donuts, beer. I gained 25 lbs. and I didn't realize it until I saw photos myself."

3 "I thought you were going to give me a website where I could see lots of orgies."

5 "I think it's safe to say this will be the last serial killer I'll be playing for the foreseeable future."

2 "I loved playing that character, but that was a labor of love because I had to wear these huge heels and a corset and the costume was so sewn on that I couldn't sit down or anything."

4 "I love watching the show because I'm like, 'I eat there.'"

6 "We have a trailer we go in and do meatheadish things."



ANSWERS:

1. Chris Daughtry, to People magazine, on his past tour diet 2. Michael Sheen, on his "Tron: Legacy" costume 3. Jennifer Lawrence, to Vulture, on an online guide to the way-sexy "Sleep No More" show in Manhattan 4. Carrie Underwood, to Rolling Stone, on "Nashville." 5. Zachary Quinto, to Entertainment Weekly, on his "American Horror Story" character 6. Channing Tatum, to GQ, on the set of his current movie, "White House Down"

Meet Lera.

She started dancing at a young age in Ukraine and now studies classical ballet and economics at a university in Los Angeles. She loves languages, fashion (she hopes to design for her own clothing line one day) and rescuing tiny insects from busy streets. Her favorite American Apparel style to model is hosiery since she otherwise rarely gets to put her flexibility training to practical use. We first found Lera via her submissions to model@americanapparel.net, and we've been enjoying her smarts, sense of humor, and yes, her famous flexibility, ever since. She is shown here wearing the Unisex Long Wool Coat, Cotton Spandex Long Sleeve Turtleneck and carrying the Large Leather Carry-All Pouch.



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Rihanna
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It's a good thing Rihanna burns a ton of calories onstage, because her new tour requests aren't exactly healthful. TMZ got ahold of the singer's new tour rider, which includes to bags of Flamin' Hot Cheetos, one box of Capri Sun, one package of Oreos and mini Babybel cheeses. We especially have to applaud the cheese decision.

2 THE DIGIT

That's the number of seasons Starz's "Boss" lasted before it was canceled this week. The Chicago-set and filmed show averaged 579,000 viewers in its second season, online.com reports.

What a girl wants? Really?

Forget feminism: **Cameron Diaz** has other ideas about her body. "I think every woman does want to be objectified. There's a little part of you at all times that hopes to be somewhat objectified, and I think it's healthy," she told the U.K.'s Sunday Times. Probably easier to feel that way when your (awesome) body's being shown off on a huge screen. GETTYIMAGES



What's up, your majesty?

Don't call them one-hit wonders: One Direction is hanging with royalty. The British pop stars performed for and met Queen Elizabeth on Monday at London's Royal Albert Hall, online.com reports. "Today, I met The Queen. Amazing night. Can't believe it," singer Harry Styles tweeted after the show. From what we can tell, they dressed respectfully and everything—well done, chaps.

Trapped on the stage

R.Kelly's got an early Thanksgiving treat for his fans—even MORE "Trapped in the Closet"! The rapper announced Monday at the new installment's New York premiere that there are another 85 chapters of the epic story coming, and he's working on a Broadway version. So yeah, your entertainments are planned for the near future.

“All the songs are like movies. All you need to do is close your eyes.” —Pharell, to GQ, on Frank Ocean's albums. The mag included Ocean among its Men of the Year in its December issue.



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